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Huntsville board member dies

Russell G. Brown, who represented the 5th Congressional District on the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services, died April 12 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 66.

Brown was diagnosed with cancer soon after he was appointed to the board by Gov. Bob Riley, and was never able to attend any meetings.

ADRS Commissioner Cary Boswell said he was saddened by the news of Brown's death.

"Not long after I became commissioner, I was honored to have met Mr. Brown and his wife. He was a kind, compassionate man who was well- respected in his community. He will be missed." Brown was co-founder of DP Associates, an information technology firm based in Huntsville. His business served a wide variety of private industry and government clients, including NASA , Boeing, four military branches and numerous other agencies.

He was a former chairman of the Huntsville/ Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the 2009 Alabama Hospital Association Trustee of the Year.

Brown was very active in the Huntsville community. At the time of his death, he was serving as chairman of the Huntsville Hospital Board of Directors.

In addition to his involvement in the community, he was an ordained deacon and elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

Throughout his career, Brown also was the recipient of many prestigious awards. In 1986, he was the first recipient of the University of Alabama in Huntsville Business Fellow Award. He was named the State of Alabama Minority Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in 1991.